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COVID-19 Weekday Update

As of today at 2:00pm, there have been 12,687 confirmed positive cases of COVID-19 in the State of Wisconsin. Statewide, 459 individuals have died due to complications related to COVID-19. In Rock County, there have been a total of m432 confirmed positive cases, an increase of 26 from this time Friday, May 15th, and a total of 14 COVID-19 related deaths. There have been a minimum of 4,376 negative tests results reported in our county, 51 of those being reported today.

The community-wide COVID-19 testing events happening in Beloit through Friday, May 22^{nd} will have a significant impact on the number of test results we report in the coming weeks.

As of this morning, our Rock County hospitals- Mercyhealth, SSM Health St. Mary's Hospital- Janesville, Edgerton Hospital and Health Services, and Beloit Health System- are providing in-patient care for 18 patients who have tested positive for COVID-19, a decrease of 2 from Friday. Please keep in mind that hospital census changes frequently.

Please visit our website, <u>www.co.rock.wi.us/publichealth</u> for additional local COVID-19 information updated daily.

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